

The last Legislature passed a law to take the sense of the people of the State as to the necessity of calling a Convention to revise the Constitution, and accordingly the question will be voted on at the August election. Article XII of the Constitution as it stands provides that, when a majority of the members of the two Houses of the Legislature within the first twenty days of the session, concur, they may pass a law to take the sense of the people as to the necessity of calling a Convention. The question shall be submitted to the people at the next general election, and if a majority of all the voters of the State vote therefor, at the next meeting of the Legislature the question shall be submitted to the people, and if a majority of the voters favor the proposition, the Legislature must call a Constitutional Convention.

This section renders it almost an impossibility to ever change the document, and its makers were thus particular with reference to a change so that no interference could be made in regard to slavery, much feared at the time. That institution having been abolished, all laws in reference to it have become dead letters, while a change in the times has rendered many of the articles cold and ineffectual. That there is a necessity for a revision no thinking man will deny, and, this being the case, it becomes the people to turn out en masse and vote to call a Convention. The question has been put to the people several times, but owing to the failure of the masses to understand or to care whether a change is made or not, the necessary majority of all the voters in the State has never been obtained. We hear a like result will follow the coming effort to get a majority. The people have it in their power to vote on either side of the question, and if they fail to vote at all it is hardly fair that it should be taken that they are opposed to the change. Every effort should be made to poll as large a vote as possible, but if it is largely in favor of calling the Convention and does not reach the necessary majority, it should become the duty of the next Legislature to take revolutionary measures toward a change, by appointing the time and place for holding a Convention and asking the people to send delegates to it. The duty of such a Convention would be to make the needed changes in the Constitution, and it would then remain for the people to adopt or reject it at the polls. We wish that every voter could be made to understand the importance of his vote in the matter, and we suggest that officers of the election take special pains to ask each man to vote on the question.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that rape is, in all cases of it, punished by lynchings, the damnable crime is of almost daily occurrence. A few days ago a negro laid in wait for Miss Mary O'Neal, who lives five miles from Nashville, Tenn., and when she passed on horseback, dragged her from the horse into a lonely wood and outraged her in a most fearful manner. Completely prostrated by her efforts to thwart the fiend, Miss O'Neal was unable for some time to give the alarm, and the negro was enabled to make good his escape for three days, when he was captured by the Sheriff and a posse. Learning of his capture, the indignant citizens gathered to the number of 100, overpowered the officer, and swung the criminal to a convenient limb. No death is too awful for demons who commit such crimes, but why they are not deterred from their commission by fear of it is hard to account for.

On Thursday night, the telegram to THE INTERIOR JOURNAL, from Elizabethton announcing the nomination of Joe. H. Lewis, of Barren, for the Appellate Judgeship, did not reach us till after 9 o'clock, too late to go in our entire edition. The Convention was a noisy one, but it managed to get through its work quickly, the southerners being made on the third ballot. The account of a misunderstanding between Judge Hitt and Lewis, 981; Russell, 571; Lewis is spoken of as a brave, honest gentleman, but it is to be said of him that he is over-loaded with legal lore.

PLATT was laid in the shade Saturday, and it is hardly probable that he will ever again figure in politics. A tool of Conkling, he allowed himself to be led off by him into resigning his seat in the U. S. Senate, and then to follow his example further he got into a trap with a woman in room 113, Bellevue House, Albany, and is forced to withdraw from the contest for reelection. Warner Miller will fill out the remainder of his term, he having been elected Saturday by a vote of 76.

LEBANON is getting to be the most murderous town in the State. There have been two killings there in less than sixty days, both occurring in bar-rooms. Thursday afternoon, Richard Chandler shot and killed John Gibson, of Madison, who had hardly the semblance of an excuse. He was arrested, and by the time his trial is called will be able to prove that he was a raving, howling maniac at the time he did the shooting. They all prove it.

THE Frankfort woman who is the defense of Governor Blackburn's abuse of the pardoning power long enough to make for Rev. George O. Barnes. Well, Barnes can take care of himself, but if he were a politician he would try to do the job for him, and would feed him continually on the best feed it could command. Shame on you, Major.

THE Governor, through his mouth-piece, the Frankfort correspondent of the Courier-Journal, reiterates his determination to pardon no more men convicted of carrying concealed weapons. But the Governor is much like the female, who, vowing that she would never consent, consented, and pistol holes will continue to be the recipients of his favor.

In answer to a correspondent: James A. Garfield's popular vote was 4,432,950, Winfield S. Hancock was 4,412,035, giving Mr. Garfield a popular majority of 20,915 votes. James B. Weaver the free-trade candidate, received 306,867 votes scattering, 12,576.

THE Courier-Journal in its new form is much harder to read, but its usefulness as a wrapping paper is materially impaired.

We urge upon the Democrats of this Senatorial District to organize for a full poll of their vote if they would elect their nominee, Mr. A. R. Clarke. We are not an alarmist, neither are we very fearful that Mr. Blain will be elected, but knowing the character of the man and the manner in which the Republicans are conducting this campaign, it becomes our duty to urge the Democrats, so that it may be prepared to meet the enemy on every flank. A number of men who call themselves Democrats will vote for Mr. Blain through personal friendship and in the belief that he is not much of a Republican in any way, but let no one be fooled by such an idea. Mr. Blain is depending on the Republicans principally for his support, and, if elected, will do their bidding. We owe it to ourselves as Democrats, we owe it to our country, which has recommended him, to give Mr. Clarke a full and cheerful vote, and we believe it will be given him. Let every Democrat do his duty.

THE telegraph continues to bring news of the steady improvement of the President. His symptoms are all favorable, and his chances of recovery are ten to one in his favor. He has a rare power of appetite and frequently calls for articles of food that his physicians do not allow him to have. He craved a special dish a few days ago, which was refused him, whereupon he inquired in a good-humored way: "I'd like to know who is President of these United States?" He has found out that the M. D.'s are slightly running the Government at present.

JOHN BERNARD, the Louisianaian who died last week at White Sulphur Springs, leaving an estate valued at five millions of dollars, was an Irishman by birth, and was sold to pay his ocean passage when he came to this country. He had remained in Old Ireland he might have spent his life trying to get away with the land-owners and then have died as poor as a church mouse. Truly this is a great country.

THE Courier-Journal looks a little unnatural, but the change to an eight-page form is a decided improvement, coming, as it does, out and pasted. The press upon which it is printed is the finest and fastest in the country, and it is a sign of prosperity every gratifying to see how our great Southern paper keeps not only abreast but a little in advance of the demands of the times.

Tuelection of Warner Miller in the place of Tommy Platt is about like swapping the devil for the witch. Tommy was simply a tool, but Miller, besides having deserted from the army during the war, professed his official position as member of Congress by opposing a reduction of the tariff on wool pulp, because he was largely interested in its manufacture.

A Chicago manager has offered Gileau \$500 to travel with his show next season. We have not heard his answer, but it is more than probable that the offer will be declined, for reasons unnecessary to mention.

KING KALAKAUA, of the Sandwich Islands, wants to sell his kingdom. If, like Richard III, he will give it for a horse, perhaps he might make a trade if he will come to Kentucky.

CONKLING is still able to keep enough of his friends with him to prevent the election of his successor. The vote yesterday stood: Lapham, 72; Conkling, 23. Necessary to a choice, 76.

BOOKWALTER, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, is a rich man, and the Republicans call him "Pocket-book-walter." He will get away with them all the same, anyway.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.
—Over 1,000 young men have graduated in law so far this year.

—Vennor predicts another safely full week, commencing Saturday and continuing four days.

—The appointment of Storekeepers and Gaugers has been restored to the Internal Revenue Bureau.

—The President is getting along so nicely that an accusation down the river is projected in the future.

—It is estimated that the last killed 500 persons in Cincinnati last week, and that there were 2,500 prostitutes from there. Two hundred thousand more immigrants have landed last year, but they don't come last enough to supply the demand for labor.

—Judge Alexander, of Louisville, has announced himself for the Appellate Judgeship, to represent the Republican and Greenback parties.

—Gov. Foster's plan to have a national day of prayer and thanksgiving is endorsed by all the other Governors except Roberts, of Texas, who doesn't believe in confounding Church and State.

—It is estimated that over 5,000 persons have been killed by sunstroke in the United States since the first day of this month. This exceeds anything of the kind ever known in this country.

—The Very Reverend Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, D. D., L. L. D., Dean of Westminster, who has been very seriously ill from dyspepsia, died in London on the 13th. Dean Stanley was in the sixty-sixth year of his age.

—Blood is on the moon in Carter county, and the Governor has been asked to send the militia there to quell the disorder. The war seems to be between the railroad men and the natives and is raging with fury.

—The works of the Cincinnati Coffin Company were destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The loss is estimated at four \$150,000 to \$200,000. A number of the dwelling houses in the neighborhood were either partially or entirely destroyed. Three hundred men are thrown out of employment.

—To avoid the result of President Garfield's wounds, no steps will be taken to indict Gileau till September, and the grand jury has been accordingly adjourned till the 12th of that month. Should Garfield die any time before July 31, 1882, Gileau's crime will be murder.

—On Monday, July 25th, the Kentucky Central will run an excursion from the blue-grass region, including all stations between Mt. Sterling and Lexington, to Niagara Falls, via the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and Canada Southern lines, at the remarkably low fare of \$11 for the round trip.

—Mrs. Emma Smith, of Laurel county, announces herself, in the Echo, a candidate to fill the vacancy in the County Clerkship, caused by the death of her husband. She says she has four small children to support and is without means to do so, an argument which, while it does not prove her capability to run the office, will give her sympathy and votes.

The Willard Hotel Lottery drawing has been again postponed—this time to November 10th—the Commissioners deeming it best for all concerned.

—Judge James Barnett, Democratic nominee for State Senator in the Adair District, met with a severe accident on the 14th, breaking his arm and dislocating his leg. He will continue on the track and will be discharged a permanent cure.

—New Elm, Minn., a thriving town of 3,500 inhabitants, was nearly wiped out of existence last Sunday by a cyclone. Six hundred buildings were either destroyed or badly damaged, and thirteen persons are known to be killed. The surrounding country is almost devastated.

—Initiation has changed his mind and now talks in this wise: "If I had another opportunity I would try to shoot the President again. I thought that an inspiration to remove him, but I see I must have been mistaken. I think it is ordained by God that the President shall not be killed, and for that reason I would not try to again if I had a chance. If it were not decreed by God that he should not be killed, how could he be alive now? I held the pistol close to his back, and my hand was as steady as iron. I fired pistol-blank at him, and nothing but Divine interposition could have saved him. He will not die, I am convinced, and I am sorry I caused him so much suffering. It is no use for any one to try to kill him now, for if I could not do it with the chance I had, no bullet can do it. It is so ordained, and we must abide the will of Heaven."

—Dr. Howin and Mrs. Stewart of Rome, N. Y., both married, fell in love with each other and eloped. Arriving at Niagara Falls, remove for their act took possession of them, and they resolved to end their lives by jumping into the American Fall. There the last fond words were spoken, and, standing upon the narrow stone wall overlooking the rapidly, the guilty pair embraced each other for the last time and plunged into the ceething waters. They were, of course, swept over the falls in an instant. Their bodies were found almost at the same spot, which shows that they went down together. Both bodies were considerably cut by the rocks, and it is a wonder that they were recovered at all. Several bodies, known to have been swept over the American Falls have never come to the surface. The supposition is that the rocks and the water tore them to pieces. Almost all bodies are found nude, the clothing being torn off by the action of the water.

ROYAL COUNTY.
—Henderson Weigler, on a writ of lunacy, was sent out on Thursday, 21st.

—The original doctor, Rev. Taxidermy Vintagerlundia Roy, is thought to be a fraud.

—Wheat, \$1.10. Those who have stacked are holding for \$1.25. The oats crop in Boyle this year is something wonderful.

—Prof. Hewitt, of Chicago, who was elected to the Greek chair of Centre College, has declined. Prof. Yerkes had previously declined to take the Latin chair. The vacancies are yet unfilled.

—Extensive preparations have been made to give the people a good time at the fair next week. Excursion trains will be run over the Southern from Georgetown and Somerset and intermediate points. The premium list is liberal and no charge will be made for entries.

—Col. LaRue Thomas will take charge of the Clemen House August 1st and run a first-class hotel. The house will be refitted and supplied with new furniture, carpets, etc., and the open lot adjoining will be converted into a grand picnic ground, with croquet, archery, &c. Col. Thomas is just the man of all others to make a good landlord.

—Monday, for a July Court day, was pleasant, and, speaking of the crowd, was decidedly a good day. About 150 or 200 cattle on the market, and mostly of an inferior grade. Prices ranged from 3 to 4 cents. Horse market was lively; a number sold at prices ranging from \$60 to \$120; mules, \$75 to \$110. One lot of mountain oxen brought \$2.15 per head.

—The Courier-Journal had him "O. T. Fackler," and put him on the Tribune staff. His name is Daniel Turner Fackler, and he works for the Advocate.

—Jones, of St. Louis, is in Danville. A. S. McCreary, of Danville, was elected President of the Danville, Lancaster & Nicholasville Turnpike Company on 13th inst. Danville boys at home for a Summer rest: Oscar Meyer, of Cincinnati; Wood Wallace and Jim Givens, of Louisville; and Samuel Ayres, Jr., of Fayette county.

—Sam M. Gaines, for Clerk of Court of Appeals, was making himself numerous in Danville on Thursday.

PELHAM COUNTY.
—Miss Jennie Cahlers, a bewitching brunette of Louisville, is in our midst.

—The Republican party held a pow-wow yesterday to nominate a candidate for the Legislature. No one else aspiring to the high position, Mr. L. D. Parkas was unanimously nominated. It is not likely that he will have any opposition.

—Your scribbles has no doubt that his column has been greatly missed by scores of anxious readers for the last two weeks, but the fault is, as usual, that of the intelligent compositor. That little article about the fight between two Jews was my pet, the pride of my heart. God alone knows how anxiously I watched over and cared for it, and how my brain sweated with unusual exertion in giving it to the world. But alas! when I opened the paper, behold how my darling had been misused and mangled. My eye was looked wildly forth into vacancy, and over until this good hour have I been able to bear mention of newspaper correspondence.

—Our friend, Bartel, the jeweler, is again in trouble. Last Sunday he was out on the street with an airgun, pointing it promiscuously, and, in the language of the small boy, every one to give him "kick." Finally George Sandifer, a sort of performing monkey and harmless nuisance, told him to shoot. Bartel immediately did so. George dodged behind a thick board. The ball penetrated the board and buried itself in Sandifer's skull. The wound was, however, slight, and George was well in a handsome gold setting with his hair and Bartel's names engraved thereon. Buck Colston and Joe Raynolds went to a distillery Saturday night to drink together, and left in the best of good humor. A short distance from the house, however, they quarreled and fought. They are both seriously stabbed.

—W. L. Whitaker was stabbed and instantly killed by one Bulen, of Langford's Mill, Saturday evening. The occurrences above detailed afford abundant scope for moralizing, but as we have come to the conclusion that moralizing is useless and that the longman's nose and the striped suit are the most convincing of all sermons. If the murders and assaults were malleable, then our country is disgraced, and has no remedy save in a stern and severe execution of the laws. It is truly an unfortunate fact that two men were killed and two dangerously wounded within the short space of twenty-four hours. It is certainly remarkable if both deaths and both wounds were inflicted in self-defense. There need to be a theory in the days of chivalry that that always befriended the right, but that theory was exploded years ago, and it is a matter of universal experience that daring, unscrupulous villains and murderers are never harmed, and that in the vast majority of cases it is the peaceful and law-abiding citizen who suffers. In our deliberate judgments of men, and the fact that a man has committed a murder does not necessarily argue that he is a much-suffering saint, driven to this dire extremity by necessity. Our officers owe to their own and their country's fair fame that these offenders be severely punished. Pat Bracken was a tunnel watchman. He took a moonlight stroll the other night. That he might be equal to the occasion, he took a bottle of moonshine along with him. He had been imbibing pretty freely before he reached State Branch Tavern. For that fully explained he cleared all nature in a single minute. The seven sky above, the gentle murmur of the waters beneath, the whirly in his life, all wood him to repose, and so he sank to sleep on that height, nor did the rumble of the oncoming train in the least disturb his repose. The whole train passed over his body, cutting him all to pieces. Strange to say, his bottle was unbroken. Conductor Clark tells us that he has seen over four drunken men with bottles in their pockets and that in no instance has the bottle been broken.

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—Dave. At the residence of her father, Judge John M. Fish, in this county on the 20th inst., of Athens and heart disease, Mrs. Elizabeth Spradlin, wife of W. H. Spradlin, Esq., of Fountain Head, Tenn. Mrs. Spradlin had been in failing health for some time, and came here a few weeks ago hoping a change would benefit her. She received every care and attention that loving hearts and hands could bestow; but the King of Terror had marked her for his own, and his chilling touch could not be averted. She was a most amiable and much-beloved lady. Her husband was very devoted to her, and her death strikes him a most cruel and painful blow. Several little children are motherless by reason of this sad event. The afflicted relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

—There were several drunk people in town last Saturday, and the prospects for a fight were most favorable at one time. Brit. Taylor and his brother, J. Taylor, expressed themselves as very anxious to whip Isaac Stuart, a young attorney here, because Stuart had reflected on Brit's recidity in a speech he made some weeks ago. One of the Taylors had a double-barreled shotgun, and they both started Stuart considerably. Jim Brown also came into the ring and he and Stuart waged a war of words. Finally W. M. Fish, J. T. Clark and James Jones came to Stuart's assistance, and told the other side if they wanted to fight to light in. Hostilities ceased at once. Judge McCreary threatened at one time to put the whole party in jail. There were, strange to say, no arrests.

—Last Tuesday night thieves attempted to enter the store of C. Mullins & Co., at Pine Hill. They took the shutters off and entered through the back. It is supposed they were frightened away by the movements of Mr. Mullins, who was up with his side wife.

—CRANE RALLY.—Hon. James B. Heck will address the citizens of Rockcastle county at the Court House in Mt. Vernon, next Thursday, 28th inst., at one o'clock P. M. The occasion will be made a grand Democratic rally. Come, everybody, and hear Kentucky's great Senator!

—For the past eight years—two terms—Madison county furnished the Senator from this District. The Republicans want the next Senator to go from that county. Do the Republicans think a Rockcastle county man is not good enough to sit in the Upper House of the Legislature?

—The case of the Commonwealth vs. B. P. Simpson, charged with the murder of James White, of Clay county, was tried for the third time in the Laurel Circuit Court last week, special Judge Samuel E. Dillman presiding. The trial resulted, as on both former occasions, in a hung jury.

—Only about two hundred men are at work on the railroad extension from Lexington in London. The contractors say they can only procure hands with the greatest difficulty, and then it is impossible to keep them. It looks now like the locomotive would not go into London before next Spring.

—Mr. John Bennett is said to be a good lawyer and a social, clever, intelligent gentleman. Personally, he is without blemish, but this is no reason why he should go to the Senate. There ought to be one Republican in Rockcastle who is fit for a Senator. But there is no Rockcastle Republican who is President of a National Bank.

—In that Republican "pow-wow" at Richmond, last week, were the names of J. J. Williams, M. J. Cook, Henry Brannaman, Z. T. Cook, and other Republicans of this county, canvassed as probable candidates for the Senate? If not, why not? If they were, why was not one of them selected as the standard-bearer? Was it for the simple reason that no one of them is President of a National Bank?

